

**WEST VIRGINIA
CONSERVATION RESERVE
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SITE
VISIT DOCUMENTATION FORM**

Landowner Name _____

Date _____

County _____

Farm No. _____

Tract No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Individuals Present:

NRCS _____

FSA _____

WVDOF _____

WVDNR _____

USFWS _____

WVCA _____

Landowner _____

Other _____

Are all partnering agencies present?

_____ YES _____ NO

If NO, list the agency contact person, date and how they were notified next to their affiliation in the space provided above.

Weather conditions on day of site visit:

SITE SKETCH

1. Is the site located immediately adjacent to a defined channel?

_____ YES _____ NO

(If YES continue. If NO, refer to Paragraph 99, pg. 5-10 of the CRP handbook.)

2. Does the channel flow more than just periodically after rainfall events or during snowmelt?

_____ YES _____ NO

(If YES continue. If NO, refer to CP22 criteria for riparian area development. Exhibit 9, pg. 152.2 in the CRP handbook)

3. Do the adjacent lands qualify as marginal pasture? Marginal pasture is defined as pasture immediately adjacent to a permanent water body greater than 10 acres that provides at least a seasonal flow of surface water off the farm; or pasture adjacent to streams having perennial flow, or a seasonal stream.

_____ YES _____ NO

(If no stop and use alternate criteria for cropland. If YES, proceed to question 4)

4. Are livestock presently on the site or have access to the stream corridor?

_____ YES _____ NO

5. Is the land immediately adjacent to the stream managed as pasture?

_____ YES _____ NO

(If no stop. If YES, proceed to question 6)

6. Describe the area immediately adjacent to the stream: (choose only one)

- a. Dominated by grass and herbaceous plants**
- b. Dominated by grasses and forbs with some woody vegetation**
- c. Dominated by woody vegetation**
- d. Consists of bare ground or mineral soil**

(If "d" was answered proceed to question 8)

7. Does the area immediately adjacent to the stream have a minimum width of 35 feet along the entire length of the proposed site?

_____ YES _____ NO

8. Is the existing riparian area functioning?

a. Is soil compaction preventing runoff infiltration or impacting soil quality due to livestock trampling, grazing, loafing or watering?

_____ YES _____ NO

b. Is there less than 70 % desirable vegetation established within the riparian zone?

_____ YES _____ NO

c. Is there a high potential for substantial nutrient loading in the watercourse from livestock operations?

_____ YES _____ NO

(If YES was answered to any of the questions 8 a, b, or c proceed to question 9. If NO, was answered to all questions **STOP**. Determine if other factors are causing the site not to function? If so, document in the notes section and proceed to question 9.)

9. Of the entire site proposed, how much of the riparian area is not functioning as previously described?

_____ Less than 30% _____ Greater than or equal to 30%

(If greater than or equal to 30%, continue to question 10. If less than 30% STOP and evaluate the need for developing a riparian area at the proposed site.)

10. Should the average width of the proposed buffer exceed 180 feet?

_____ YES _____ NO

(If YES, use the notes section of this document for justification of water quality concerns)

11. Is the "top of streambank" distinguishable?

_____ YES _____ NO

(If NO, document in the notes section how top of bank is determined.)

12. Would tree planting be required due to sloughing stream banks, lack of an adequate seed source, thick dense sod (e.g. fescue), wildlife concerns or by the request of the landowner?

_____ YES _____ NO

(If YES, use the notes section of this document for identification of selected species and rationale.)

13. Is there a strong potential that natural succession will reestablish the necessary vegetation and restore the functions of the riparian area?

_____ YES _____ NO

(NOTE: Answering YES to this question does not preclude tree and shrub planting on the site.)

_____YES _____NO

_____ YES _____ NO

_____ YES _____ NO

_____YES _____NO

_____ YES _____ NO

_____YES _____NO

_____ YES _____ NO

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